

example, is provided with a display for displaying text information or graphic information, a speaker for generating sound, operating buttons or a touch panel for user input operation, and a microphone for receiving voice of a user, etc. Further, the HMI 42 forms a user input part for receiving user input from the user of the vehicle 1 through a user interface screen.

[0081] The water temperature sensor 43 is placed at the engine body 11 and detects the temperature of the cooling water (water temperature) cooling the engine body 11. The water temperature sensor 43 is connected to the input port of the ECU 31. The water temperature detected by the water temperature sensor 43 is input to the ECU 31.

[0082] The positioning sensor 44 generates positional information showing the current location of the vehicle 1. The positional information generated by the positioning sensor 44 is output to the ECU 31. The positioning sensor 44 is, for example, a GPS (global positioning system) of a car navigation system set in the vehicle 1.

[0083] Configuration of Battery

[0084] The battery 50 is configured to be able to supply electric power to the suction pump 22 and cooling part 23 of the CO₂ recovery device 20, etc. Further, the battery 50 is configured to be able to be charged by output of the internal combustion engine 10, etc.

[0085] Summary of Method of Recovery of CO₂

[0086] Below, the method of recovery of CO₂ according to the present embodiment will be explained.

[0087] The CO₂ recovery part 21 becomes exhaust resistance, therefore the suction pump 22 must be operated so as to make the exhaust gas flow into the CO₂ recovery part 21 in order to recover the CO₂ in the exhaust gas. Therefore, in the present embodiment, when using the CO₂ recovery device 20 to recover CO₂, the suction pump 22 is operated.

[0088] If the suction pump 22 is operated, part of the exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust pipe 13 flows into the communicating path 24. In the present embodiment, if the suction pump 22 is operated, part of the exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust pipe 13 flows into the cooling part 23. Note that, in the exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust pipe 13, the exhaust gas which did not flow into the communicating path 24 flows through the exhaust pipe 13 as is, and is discharged to the atmosphere.

[0089] Further, as explained above, the exhaust gas discharged from the internal combustion engine 10 is a high temperature. On the other hand, the zeolite used as the CO₂ adsorbent of the CO₂ recovery part 21 makes the adsorbed CO₂ desorb when the temperature becomes high. Therefore, if high temperature exhaust gas flows as is into the CO₂ recovery part 21, the CO₂ recovery part 21 becomes a high temperature. As a result, not only is CO₂ not recovered at the CO₂ recovery part 21, but also CO₂ is desorbed from the CO₂ recovery part 21. For this reason, in order for the CO₂ recovery part 21 to recover the CO₂ in the exhaust gas, it is necessary to cool the exhaust gas flowing into the CO₂ (or the CO₂ recovery part 21) down to the temperature where CO₂ is adsorbed at the zeolite.

[0090] Therefore, in the present embodiment, the cooling part 23 is operated when the CO₂ recovery device 20 recovers the CO₂. If the cooling part 23 is operated, due to the operation of the suction pump 22, the exhaust gas flowing into the cooling part 23 is cooled down to the target temperature. For example, if zeolite is used as the CO₂ adsorbent of the CO₂ recovery part 21 like in the present

embodiment, the target temperature is set to a temperature where CO₂ is adsorbed at the zeolite (for example, an ordinary temperature of equal to or less than 30° C.). Therefore, the exhaust gas flowing into the cooling part 23 is cooled down to ordinary temperature or so, at the cooling part 23. As a result, low temperature exhaust gas cooled down to ordinary temperature or so is made to flow to the CO₂ recovery part 21. Due to this, the CO₂ recovery part 21 is kept from becoming a high temperature and the recovery ability of CO₂ at the CO₂ recovery part 21 is maintained.

[0091] If the exhaust gas cooled at the cooling part 23 flows through the communicating path 24 to the CO₂ recovery part 21, the exhaust gas and the CO₂ adsorbent of the CO₂ recovery part 21 contact. As a result, CO₂ is removed from the exhaust gas by adsorption by the CO₂ recovery part 21. The exhaust gas after CO₂ is removed by adsorption by the CO₂ recovery part 21 flows through the exhaust passage 25 and is discharged into the atmosphere.

[0092] Note that, in the present embodiment, the cooling part 23 is arranged at the upstream side of the CO₂ recovery part 21 in the direction of flow of the exhaust gas and lowers the temperature of the exhaust gas flowing into the CO₂ recovery part 21. However, the cooling part 23 can be configured in another way if it can lower the temperature of the CO₂ recovery part 21. Therefore, for example, the cooling part 23 may be configured to be arranged around the CO₂ recovery part 21 and directly cooling the CO₂ recovery part 21.

[0093] Problems

[0094] In this regard, to operate the suction pump 22 and cooling part 23, that is, to operate the CO₂ recovery device 20, the electric power of the battery 50 is used.

[0095] On the other hand, as explained above, the battery 50 is charged, for example, by generation of power utilizing the output of the internal combustion engine 10. Therefore, to charge the battery 50, sometimes fuel is burned in the internal combustion engine 10 and accordingly, sometimes CO₂ is generated. Therefore, if consuming the electric power of the battery 50, it can be considered that the CO₂ is discharged by a corresponding amount.

[0096] For this reason, if the CO₂ recovery device 20 is operated under poor efficiency of recovery of CO₂, sometimes a sufficient amount of recovery of CO₂ cannot be obtained with respect to the electric power of the battery 50 consumed by operation of the CO₂ recovery device 20. Note that, the efficiency of recovery of CO₂ shows the ratio of the amount of recovery of CO₂ in the CO₂ recovery device 20 with respect to the electric power consumed by the battery 50.

[0097] Control of Operation of CO₂ Recovery Device

[0098] Therefore, in the present embodiment, the control device 30 permits operation of the CO₂ recovery device 20 in the case where a high efficiency recovery condition, at which it is predicted that the efficiency of recovery of CO₂, showing the ratio of the amount of recovery of CO₂ in the CO₂ recovery device 20 with respect to the electric power consumed by the battery 50, will become equal to or greater than a preset predetermined efficiency, is satisfied, and prohibits operation of the CO₂ recovery device 20 in the case where that high efficiency recovery condition is not satisfied. As a result, a CO₂ recovery device with a large amount of recovery of CO₂ with respect to the electric power of the battery consumed by the CO₂ recovery device (that is, with a high efficiency of recovery of CO₂) is provided.